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EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PREMATURE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELA MEMBERSHIP

REF : PARAMARIBO 0052

1. UPON HIS RETURN FROM RECENT GROUP OF 77 MEETING AT MANILA, WHERE HE LED SURINAMESE CONFERENCE DELEGATION (REFTEL), ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MINISTER EDWARD J. BRUMA ANNOUNCED THAT SURINAM WOULD "SHORTLY" JOIN LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION, SELA.

2. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS REPORT THAT BRUMA DID NOT CONSULT WITH PRIME MINISTER (ALSO FOREIGN MINISTER) HENCK A.E. ARRON OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS BEFORE MAKING ANNOUNCEMENT AND THAT, IN FACT, GOS HAS MADE NO DECISION, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, ABOUT SELA MEMBERSHIP. NOR IS IT IN ANY HURRY TO DO SO. OFFICIALS ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT STATEMENTS AND COMMITMENTS BRUMA MAY HAVE MADE AT MANILA, SINCE HE HAD NOT YET MADE REPORT ON CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AS OF FEBRUARY 27.

3. COMMENT: OFFICIAL SURINAMESE ATTITUDE TOWARD SELA REMAINS OPEN, DESPITE BRUMA'S POACHING IN FOREIGN POLICY FIELD. IT
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REMAINS BE SEEN WHETHER GOS WILL PURSUE HIS ANNOUNCEMENT. ONE

LESSON HOPEFULLY LEARNED BY GOS IS THAT BRUMA MAY NOT BE BEST
PERSON TO REPRESENT SURINAM'S LOW-KEY AND NON-CONFRONTATIONAL
FOREIGN POLICY IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS.
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